

AN ACCOUNT

OF A

Most barbarous Murther and Robbry, committed on the Body of
Squire *WEBB*, near *Enfield* on *Wednesday* Night
last, being the 25th of *October*, 1704.

By Five House-breakers, with the manner of their Breaking into the House, by the Confedracy of a Maid Servant, Binding and Gaging all the Family, and Murthered the Esquire in a most Barbarous manner, carrying off above 300 l. in Gold and Silver.

Licensed according to Order.

ON *Wednesday* Night last, being the 25th instant, five notorious Villians came to the House of *William Webb*, Esq; near *Enfield Chase* about Midnight, and by the Treachery of one *Jane Kirkham* a Maid-servant in the said House, they were let in at a back Door, when being no sooner got into the House, but by this Female *Judas*'s directions they immediatly found out the Chamber of the Squire, who notwithstanding all their Silence, was Awake at their entering into the Room, so that at the sight of their Pistols, and other mischievous Instruments, he soon perceived what sort of Visitors they were, whereupon instead of being surpriz'd at their rude *Intrusion*, more Couragiously than Advisedly, snatches up a Sword that always lay at his Beds-head, and stepping out of Bed in his Shirt, (it being a large Chamber) defended himself for a considerable time, till at last one of them getting behind him, Stabb'd him in the Back, and there being three to one, they Cutt and Mangled him in a most barbarous manner, while the other two Rogues, Bound and Gag'd all the rest of the Family, which was only the Coach-man, Foot-man, and two Maiden Daughter, whom they Abused after a rude and immodest manner; the other three Villains having dispatch'd the Squire, they ransack'd his Trunks and Cabinets, taking thence above 300 l. in Gold Silver, besides Watches, Rings and other Riches of great value; having got this great Booty, and desired Plunder, taking their treacherous Female Companion in *Iniquity* along with them, they march off without any Opposition, (the House being some distance from any other) no manner of Noise could be heard from any of the Neighbouring Houses, so that the two Daughters, and the two Men Servants lay Bound and Gag'd in a most frightful manner, till next Morning eight of the Clock before any body came to their Relief, at which time a Chaire-Woman, who us'd to help the Maid to do her *Business*, came to the House and Unbound them, very oppertunely, for had she not come as she did, one of the young Women had certainly Expired, being tumbled from off the Bed between two Trunks with her Head downward, so that they had much ado to fetch her to Life again, she being fallen into Swoun at that very instant the old Woman came to her Relief.

There is great Search made after those notorious Thieves and Murthers, and by reason the Maid-servant is so well known in those Parts, having lived in that Family for above seven Years together; tis hoped they will soon be Discovered: All the *Housebrakers* were disguised in Vizard Masques, so that 'tis supposed most of them are Persons that were Inhabitants in the said Town, by reason they had so secret a Correspondence with the Maid-servant, which produc'd such fatal Consequenceto the unhappy Gentleman and his whole Family.